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## PREFACE

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*Human Services Laws* is intended for lay, not professional legal use. Although every effort has been made to use correct legal citations, this book does not claim to be an authoritative source. Rather, it is a selective compilation of laws which may prove useful to consumers and providers of human services. The 1999 edition differs from its predecessors in format, layout, and sources: all of the statutes included herein were derived from the legislative home page which was in turn accessed through info Louisiana.

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